

Monday 10th August

Dear Pharmacy Colleagues,

We are writing to confirm the arrangements for Public Health Locally Commissioned Services (LCS) for quarter 2 (July-September 2020).

Firstly, on behalf of public health we would like to say thank you and recognise the commitment and hard work of community pharmacy teams during the Covid-19 response.

To recognise the challenges of providing LCS during this time we will be awarding a supplementary payment during quarter 2 to compensate for the reduced LCS activity. The payment has been calculated as 40% of the average quarterly activity based on invoice records from quarter 4, 2018 and quarters 1-3, 2019 (excluding medication costs). Pharmacies that provided LCS services during this time will be eligible for the payment and it will be paid week commencing the 14<sup>th</sup> September. In addition, LCS activity recorded on PharmOutcomes during the current quarter 2 (Q2) will be paid according to the usual schedule.

Further requirements for the delivery of LCS during Q2 are listed below.

### **Locally Commissioned Services**

- The Public Health overarching contract was rolled over until the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. **The contract will be rolled over for a further 7 months until the end of the current financial year.** The new Public Health overarching contract will be sent out at the end of January 2021 along with the updated service specifications for 2021/22.
- Contract monitoring and service targets for LCS will continue to be relaxed for Q2 and we are aware that adjustments may be required to the delivery of LCS in line with business continuity plans. **We would like to emphasise the importance of informing commissioners of the temporary or permanent suspension of LCS services within 24 hours.** This is particularly important for the continuity of the sexual health and contraceptive service. As you are aware the specification has been temporarily updated to include telephone consultations (or paper based consultations applying social distancing guidelines) as an option for the supply of emergency contraception.
- CPPE Declaration of Competence (DoC). The requirement to renew DoCs was extended for 6 months (from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020) for all LCS services. NEW Patient Group Directions have recently been released for the supply of emergency contraception as part of the Sexual Health and Contraceptive Service. **A DoC must be completed before signing and working under the new PGDs and therefore in this instance if a DoC has expired, a new declaration must be completed before signing up to the new PGDs.**

- **Completion of the CPPE Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults: A Level 2 assessment is still a prerequisite for the delivery of LCS.** Community pharmacies must also have a safeguarding protocol in place, including a list of contacts for Brighton and Hove safeguarding services (safeguarding services contact information is available here <https://www.brightonandhoveccg.nhs.uk/your-care/safeguarding-adults-and-children/>) and appropriate **DBS checks** in place as defined in the LCS service specifications.
- Face to face LCS and Healthy Living Pharmacy (HLP) level 2 Framework training events will be postponed until further notice. Options for virtual training and e-learning are being explored and further information will be available soon.

We hope that this letter helps to clarify the steps required to continue to offer Public Health LCS and thank you again for your ongoing support during this challenging time.

Please contact [publichealth@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:publichealth@brighton-hove.gov.uk) if you require any further information.

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